(b) if so, what steps are being taken in case of each Southern State; and

(c) whether any contingency plan has been formulated by Government to tackle the situation; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHEMANBHAI PATEL): (a) the power supply position/ scenario in the Southern Region for the period November, 1995 to June, 1996 is expected to be as under:

	Unrestricted Requirement (MU)	Availability * (MU)	Shortage (MU)	(%)
Andhra Pradesh	23077	16727	8351	27.52
Karnataka	15755	10046	5709	36.24
Kerala	6670	5504	1166	17.48
Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry)	22675	20050	2625	11.58

*includes the allocated share in Central generating stations.

(b) and (c) While there is no specific contingency plan formulated by the Government, various measures being taken to tackle the above situation include:

Statutory power cuts and restrictions in energy as well as demand as part of load management;

Categorisation of agricultural consumers in different categories and making the supply available to them by scheduling and rotation;

Scheduled and/or unscheduled load shedding in urban and rural areas;

Maximisation of generation;

Arrangement/agreement with other States in the Western & Eastern Regions for availing assistance;

Additional allocation from unallocated power of Central generating stations in the Southern Region as well as the Western Region.

A few generating stations in different Southern States are also likely to be commissioned in the coming months which would augment the power availability.

विद्युत-उत्पादन की क्षमता में वृद्धि

846. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:** क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में वर्ष 1947 में विद्युत उत्पादन की क्षमता 1300 मेगावाट थी जो मार्च, 1995 में 79500 मेगावाट तक पहुंच गई है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि विद्युत आपूर्ति देश की मांग को पूरा करने में सदैव कम रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) और (ख) देश में कुल अधिष्ठापित विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता वर्ष 1947 में 1362 मेगावाट से बढ़कर 31.3.95 की स्थिति के अनुसार 81164.41 मेगावाट हो गई है।

(ग) और (घ) ऊर्जा में कमी हुई है जिसका ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

अप्रैल, 1995 से अक्टूबर, 1995 तक

(मि॰ यू॰ में)

	ऊर्जा की आवश्यकता	ऊर्जा की उपलब्धता	ऊर्जा की कमी	प्रतिशत
अखिल भारत	221287	203229	18058	8.2

Coverage of more areas of Bihar under Doordarshan

847. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any measures to bring more areas in Bihar under Doordarshan coverage during the coming year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of villages/towns in Bihar not covered by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Whereas satellite derived service of Doordarshan is available throughout the country, including the entire State of Bihar, by using an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrial transmission is also available, wholly or partially, to all the districts of Bihar covering an estimated 92.8% area of the State. 21 more TV transmitters of varying powers are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Bihar. With the commissioning of these projects, the terrestrial TV service is expected to increase to 96.6% area of the State.

Simplification of Direct Taxes Law

848. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group has been constituted by Government in the Central Board of Direct Taxes to recommend simplification of Direct Taxes Laws;

(b) whether the group has submitted their recommendations; and

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Government have constituted four Study Groups of officers of Income-tax Department with a view to removing procedural hardships and simplify some of the complicated legal provisions.

(b) and (c) Recommendations of some of the groups have been received and are under process. Further recommendations are awaited.

Simplified Income Tax-Structure

849. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme about rationalisation and simplification of procedures of income tax structure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this respect?